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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. James Lay  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

From: W.S. DeLany  
Chairman, Economic Defense Advisory Committee

Subject: Secretary Weeks' Letter Dated 13 April 1956

Reference: CFDP Report of 6 April, Subparagraph 3. b. (2)(b)

As requested at the Planning Board meeting of 12 April, EDAC has examined the subject Commerce proposal and makes the following comments.

1. The items suggested for inclusion in the reference subparagraph are agreed to be of sufficient importance to warrant COCOM embargo.
2. EDAC has no suggestions for items of comparable significance to be added to such a list.
3. EDAC will continue expeditiously to pursue the embargo of the items proposed by Commerce under agreed interdepartmental instructions with the objective of obtaining COCOM agreement prior to the next Consultative Group meeting.
4. If satisfactory arrangements have not been achieved when the next CG meeting is called, EDAC will propose that the embargo of these items be made an objective of the U. S. for that meeting. The

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question of the extent to which this objective should be linked with the revision of China controls can be decided at that time.

The Department of Commerce has participated in the discussion reported above, but its views are expressed in the subject letter.

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